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The Communists are determined to orient themselves inland to the continent and away from the sea with its western trade and other contacts. This means that water-borne commerce will dwindle, and with it the importance of such cities as Tientsin, Shanghai and Canton. This would mean a tremendous economic readjustment. Though the Communists profess to favor the cities and political development in the cities, their policies are cutting into the life of the cities sharply. It is possible that the recent urges were provoked by the criticism of this choking-off of commerce and the consequent destruction of the seeds of industrial development--a prime Communist promise. While the Communists promised a resurgence of foreign trade and domestic industrialization, they had no intention of accomplishing this; instead they were willing to see water-borne commerce with the world deteriorate, and along with it, the coastal cities. Without these coastal cities, the promised industrialization is impossible, and the current political indoctrination of urban workers is meaningless. If the Chinese Communists hope for sufficient aid from the Soviets to counteract this loss, they are pursuing a policy which will weaken Western influence but will at the same time weaken the Communists themselves to an even greater extent.

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